

## Evening Telegraph

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1864.

## SPIRIT OF THE NEW YORK PRESS.

Leading Editorials from the New York Papers This Morning.

## THE TRUE METHOD.

General Butler struck exactly the right key in his speech, favoring a final and most liberal offer of amnesty to the Rebels, and in the event of its rejection the most crushing warfare possible. All we can in the way of war—that is unquestionably the true policy, dictated alike by humanity, justice, and public expediency. The ship of State after this election is like the storm-tossed ship at sea, whose starched has been thoroughly tested, and which now only waits but for a new reckoning to make port specially other in this direction or that.

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## MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION.

*Admiral on the Upper Potomac—Mosby's Movements—Sheridan Getting Active, Etc., Etc.*

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FREEBURG, Md., November 16.—But little of importance is transpiring in this portion of the Middle Military Division. The falling back of the army has created some little talk, but there is nothing transpiring worthy of particular note.

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## A Strike in the Sherman Program.

Our Nashville despatch says, the Cincinnati *Advertiser* of yesterday, report no military news of importance. In this connection we think it proper to caution the public against anticipating much from the news of Sherman's march. He has done what he can to make the Southern mind to the war by constantly declaring that Mr. Lincoln's present object is to make slaves of freedom. The word subjugation is used in every speech, and every article, in reference to the war that the word abolition did in bringing it on.

There is no more truth in the one than there is in the other. The Northern people have no desire to interfere with the Southern people, or their relations than those of absolute equality, to have precisely the same constitutional rights, precisely the same ratio of representation in the Government, precisely the same laws, precisely the same rights in the national prosperity and glory. Such qualities the South has, and will soon become valuable, if she can sit still. As long as war continues, slaves perish unavoidably up to the line of the advance of our armies; and beyond that line it must quickly come to an end by the capture of Savannah or Charleston, or by the capture of Atlanta, or the numerous, which by Southern invasion itself, is the only mode of rendering the Southern armies.

The question of slaves does not actually touch us in the one, but in the other, the national harmony the South will be asked to part with that has nothing to do with it, but that would simply not be the same level with the North, which parted with it long ago. In parting with slavery, the South has given up all her rights, and has not had another to enforce its own laws independently of State action—in other words, whether the United States is or is not a nation in its home relations as well as in its foreign relations.

They believe that this issue involves all their future security; that endless strife must result from any abatement of the full force of the words of the Constitution, that "this Constitution and the laws of the United States shall be made in all respects the supreme law of the land." They intend to have this matter now settled, once for all; and to secede if settlement, will carry the war, if need be, to any extremity. We do not say that any express renunciation of the right of search, or of blockade, will be obtained from the South. That is not necessary. We made peace with England in 1814 without requiring a renunciation of the right of search. It lies not, then, with the South to oppose a peace on the one, and the same thing. For Davis told Colonel Jefferds that the time had come for slavery, and the Rebel newspapers generally have reiterated the language. We are entitled to assume, both by the inherent reason of the thing, and by the example of our own country, that for the South, that the quietus of the acts of slavery does not stand at all in the way of peace.

What then does stand in the way? Simply the Northern claim to the right of secession.

The North is never yet won to that; but that would simply not be the same level with the North, which parted with it long ago. In parting with slavery, the South has given up all her rights, and has not had another to enforce its own laws independently of State action—in other words, whether the United States is or is not a nation in its home relations as well as in its foreign relations.

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Just so, in this case, it would be enough that we had successfully vindicated the true principle of our constitutional Government. That substantial vindication, said by the sword-hilt, would be sufficient, but it would give the South time to come to any words on parchment.

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